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W-C ANNUAL STAFF — Final touches are being made to Winfield-Clinton High Schools year book "The Atom," and then it will be off to the printers for publication. It will be the last year book as such for next year W-C students will attend the new Knock High School. Patti Thompson and Charles Shick are co-editors of the year book; Janet Rummel is photographer; Larry Szebalski, treasurer, and Leslie Lang, advertising manager.

Saxonburg Legion Post 21 Years Old

Lauter-Falkner American Legion Post 683 of Saxonburg last night celebrated its "coming of age."

Members of the Women's Auxiliary joined the Legionnaires in a 21st anniversary dinner celebration held in the Post Home in Saxonburg.

The dinner speaker was Alfred M. Laing, research scientist for Magnetics, Inc., of Butler.

He told how his company, which specializes in magnetic amplifiers, was started in 1950 in a garage in Butler and has grown to an industry which employs 300 workers and has a payroll of 1½ million dollars.

Laing said the company's products are based on ideas developed from wartime research by Arthur O. Black, the company president.

Karle McKinney, post commander, traced the history of the post since its inception in 1937.

He said the initial meeting was held March 3 in that year with Edward Mershon being named temporary chairman.

The second meeting was held 21 days later with James H. Cullen, now service officer of the post, being named its first commander.

The Post first met in Saxonburg Borough Hall, and later rented a room in the Odd Fellows Bldg.

The Legionnaires moved into their present Post Home in 1944.

Marilyn Ansell of Ivywood and Neal Cypher of Marwood, who won Keystone Camping awards offered by the Post last year, told of their camping experiences.

Ernest Grafton, manager of the Post's American Legion Junior Baseball Team which has won the Butler County championship in three out of four years, introduced the players. He paid special tribute to Stephen Yates, one of the players who sports a .480 batting average.

Ernest Sebak was master of ceremonies. Cullen introduced a visitor, State Rep. Samuel Mahan of Butler. The Rev. Ray Eichler, pastor of Saxonburg Memorial Church, offered the invocation.

The dinner was under supervision of Ray Whiteside and Mrs. David Kronenberg.

Auxiliary officers were introduced by the president, Mrs. James H. Collins They included: Mrs. Lucille Boggs, first vice president, Mrs. Louis Osche, second vice president; Mrs. Harry Gold, secretary; Mrs. James Stark, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edward Meyer, treasurer; Mrs. Chester Brewer, historian; Mrs. Lawrence Lassinger, chaplain, and Mrs. Harry Keasey, sergeant-at-arms.

The Post officers, in addition to Commander McKinney, include: David Kronenberg, first vice president; J. Burt Murtland, second vice president; Sebak, adjutant; Wad Falkner, chaplain; Joseph Schneider, sergeant-at-arms, and Glenn Walker, finance officer

New Hymnals Are Dedicated

Mr. and Mrs. William Myers, Beaver Falls, son-in-law and daughter of the late, Rev. S. Clay Shaffer, of Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church, Sarver, conducted a service dedicating the new church hymnals Sunday morning.

The service was planned by the late Rev. Mr. Shaffer, who suffered a fatal heart attack three weeks ago.

Special music included "Steal Away," by Mrs. Earl Huston; "We Would by Building," Mrs. Clarence Martin and Mrs. Leroy Martin; "Are Ye Able," Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peters; "Fairest Lord Jesus," Donna Smith and Diane Peters, and "Were You There," by Mrs. Carroll Gray.

W-C High's 1958 Annual Yearbook Ready for Press

With its copy deadline near, members of the staff of the Atom, Winfield-Clinton High School's yearbook, are busy assembling final pictures and stories to make it the biggest and best ever.

Elementary and Junior High students will be included in this year's edition, making its scope wider than ever.

Co-editors Charles Shick and Patti Thompson have chosen an attractive leather cover, using for the last time the traditional blue and white colors of Winfield-Clinton High School. Next year's book will be printed by a staff of students from the new Knoch Senior High School.

Class editor Wanda Fox, and her assistants, Virginia Roenigk and Gale Harvey, have compiled news from each classroom. Lester Lang is advertising manager; Janet Rummel, photographer; Marilyn Ansell, circulation manager, and Larry Szebalski, treasurer.

Art work was done by Bert Gries and Brenda Berry, while the whole project was supervised by George Vogus, faculty advisor.

Music Scholarship Urged

Expanded Music Course Planned for Knoch High

The expanded music curriculum planned for Knoch Junior - Senior High School, which will open in September, was explained to members of South Butler County Joint Band Auxiliary, meeting recently in Jefferson Twp. School.

John R. Gillespie, director, told auxiliary members, that with greatly enlarged facilities he contemplates forming two bands, an orchestra, and several vocal groups.

He suggested the auxiliary ponder establishment of a Music Scholarship. His further suggestions included sponsoring a refreshment stand at athletic events, and supporting Saturday band rehearsals.

Music for the session was provided by Gillespie and three members of the band who formed a brass quartet. Alsine Burtner, Robert Matchett and Ben Day joined their director in playing "Jada", "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans," and "Washington Post March."

Mrs. Irene Myers was social chairman for the evening.

Next meeting will be March 18 in Penn Twp.

In Saxonburg

Carnival Week Schedule Completed by Firemen

Saxonburg Firemen's Carnival Week schedule was set up at a meeting of the Carnival Committee in Saxonburg fire hall, earlier this week. In addition Kenn - Penn Amusement Co. was contracted to furnish rides and concessions.

The scheduled activities include Monday, pet parade; Tuesday, light horsepulling; Wednesday, sports-antique car parade; Thursday, firemen's parade; Friday, heavyweight horsepulling, and Saturday, children's matinee day.

A station wagon and a two-door sedan will be awarded at the end of the week's festivities.

Gerald Coleman was named advertising committee chairman by Carnival Chairman Charles Leibert Jr. Other chairmen are Walton Culp, lunch stand; E. O. Neubert, cars, and Reldon Cooper, sports car events.

Hymnals Dedication On Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. William Mars, of Beaver Falls, are temporarily filling the pulpit of Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church, served by Mrs. Mars' father, the late Rev. S. Clay Shaffer.

On Sunday, Mrs. Mars, a school teacher in Beaver Falls, will conduct a service dedicating new church hymnals. This service was prepared by her father before his recent unexpected death.

She is also attempting to promote the building program in which her father was interested. Plans for the new church have been prepared. The congregation must now raise half the cost of the new structure before plans can be presented to the conference.

CE HYMN SING SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Butler County Christian Endeavor Union's Hymn Sing will be held Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in Summit Presbyterian Church. Henry Brison, of Brackenridge, will direct.

The church is half-way between Butler and Saxonburg on the old Butler road.

Junior Musicians Present Senior Music Club Program

A musical calendar was most attractively presented by the Saxonburg District Junior Music Club at the March meeting of the Senior Club, Sunday afternoon in St. Luke Lutheran Church, Saxonburg.

"Winter Wonderland," sung by the chorus, introduced the audience to the quiet splendor of January's winter scene. The narrator, Linda Douthett, read an appropriate poem and introduced Ruth Wetzel's piano solo, "Skater's Waltz," by Waldtenfel.

The February choral selection was "My Funny Valentine," and a poem of Valentine's Day by Marian Foster Smith was read. Janet Rummel played the familiar love song, "At Dawning," by Charles Wakefield Cadman.

March theme was St. Patrick's Day, introduced by a choral rendition of "Wearin' of the Green." Linda read a typical March poem and Elaine Burtner and Betsy Mozena played a clarinet duet, "Danny Boy."

"April Love," and a spring poem brought a touch of warm weather to the program and in tribute to Easter, Roselia Long played the "Palms," by Faure.

The May choral selection was "Longing for Spring," and a familiar poem, "Pippa Passes." Kay Macurdy played "Dance Americana" by Mowrey.

Then came "June Is Busting Out All Over," by the chorus and "What Is So Rare as a Day in June?" by the reader. Acknowledging June as the month of weddings, Don Graff sang "I Love You Truly" by Carrie Jacobs Bond.

A patriotic poem and the rousing "Stars and Stripes Forever," by the chorus symbolized July. The passing of August was noted by the chorus' rendition of "Come to the Fair."

With the coming of fall, Linda wished farewell to summer and the chorus welcomed the return of school with "School Days," and the club's "studious" violinist, Edgar Cushard, played Monti's "Czardas."

For October, the chorus sang, "Halloween," and Elizabeth's Wetzel offered "Autumn Leaves."

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," commemorated Thankoffering. As a tribute to the country's servicemen service songs were offered by the chorus.

"White Christmas" by the chorus marked the end of the year, and Sally Bryant concluded the year of music with selections from Tschaikowsky's "Nut Cracker Suite."

Next program of the Senior Club will be presented April 20 in St. Luke Church, with Clair Halstead in change of the annual choir festival. Many district churches will participate.

Club advisor, Mrs. John Gillespie, was in charge of the program.

Members of the chorus included Marilyn and Gail Ansel, Robert Bauman, Elaine Burtner, Elizabeth Ann and Sarah Jo Chika, Edgar Cushard, Donald Graff, Rosella Long, Kay Macurdy, Betsy Mozena, Glenda Rosenberg, Lois Rudert, Janet Rummel, Fay Walcheski, Elizabeth and Ruth Wetzel, Elaine Follstead and Mickey Reynolds.

Mrs. Walton Culp and Mrs. Carroll Gray were hostesses and Mrs. Garrett Tyrrell, Senior Club program chairman, presided at the tea table.

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Annual dinner-business meeting of the Senior Club will be held Friday at 6:30 p. m. in the Garden Gate Restaurant, Meridian. Members will meet at St. Luke's Church at 6.

Two in Hospital

Five School Children Injured in Road Crash

Seven persons, including five school children, were injured in a two-auto collision yesterday afternoon in the Freeport-Butler road (Rt. 356) at Hannahstown.

Two of the children were hospitalized. The other three youngsters and the drivers of the two cars received medical treatment at the office of a physician and were sent home.

State police of Butler barracks said the crash involved machines driven by Leo Cypher, 29, of near Marwood, and Charles A. Shelton, 38, of Rt. 356, RD 2, Sarver.

Cypher, who holds a contract for transporting school pupils in South Butler County Joint School District, was taking five members of a special education class from the Winfield-Clinton High School to the Jefferson Twp. school where they were to board a school bus to go home.

Most seriously hurt were Dorothy Foertsch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Foertsch of Saxonburg Rd., and Nancy Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Lewis of Rt. 4, Butler.

Both received lacerations about the face when they were thrown against the dash of Cypher's car. They were taken to Butler County Memorial Hospital in Butler in the Saxonburg firemen's ambulance and were admitted to the hospital.

They were reported in fair condition by hospital attendants.

Three other children, riding in the rear seat of Cypher's machine, were treated at the office of a physician.

They were George Zentz, foster son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wager, of Rt. 4, Butler, and Larry and Cecil Heasley, sons of Mr. and Mrs. David Heasley, also of Rt. 4, Butler.

Cypher and Shelton also were treated for injuries to both knees and face.

Police said Shelton was attempting to make a left turn from Rt. 356 when the collision occurred.

Damage to each of the two autos was estimated at $800.

Ages of the children involved are: Dorothy Foertsch, Nancy Lewis and George Zentz, 8; Larry Heasley, 12, and Cecil Heasley, 14.

Mrs. Laura Beer

Mrs. Laura Blanche Beer, 85, West Winfield, known as "Grandma Beer," died in her residence yesterday morning, following a long illness.

She would have been 86 years old April 17.

Mrs. Beer was born April 17, 1872, in Cooksburg, Pa., the daughter of John L. and Sara Cook Lindsey.

She had been residing with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Spinette.

Mrs. Beer leaves two sons, Paul C., Butler and George A., West Winfield; four daughters, Mrs. H. P. (Lois) Elliott, Cabot area; Mrs. E. A. (Fern) Hardesty, Dover, Ohio; Mrs. C. F. (Algie) McKelvey, Cabot; Mrs. S. M. (Oma) Spinette, West Winfield; two brothers, Richard Lindsey, Leeper, Pa., and Wayne Lindsey, Olean, N. Y., a sister, Mrs. Helen Jamestown, N. Y., 8 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren.

Style Revue Commentator Is Both Speaker and Model

Mrs. R. C. Milsom Sr., of Butler, will be commentator for this year's Spring-Summer Style Show to be presented by Saxonburg District Woman's Club next Thursday evening in Saxonburg fire hall.

Completed plans for the show were announced at Monday's club meeting by Mrs. Fred Huelsman and Mrs. Floyd Shields, co-chairmen of the ways-means committee.

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Mrs. Milsom

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Mrs. Milsom has had wide experience both as a lecturer and fashion model. She is a graduate and former teacher in Victoria Mannequin School, Pittsburgh, and has studied at the University of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh School of Speech.

She conducts weekly personality classes in Butler YWCA, has appeared on lecture platforms in the tri-state area, and was guest on a panel discussion "Earning Opportunities for Older Women," sponsored by Pennsylvania Business and Professional Women, in Philadelphia.

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Club members will model the fashions and between-scenes' entertainment will be provided by dancing teachers.

Mrs. Gerald Coleman, ticket chairman, announced that tickets may be purchased in advance from club members, or at the door the night of the show.

SACRED CONCERT SUNDAY NIGHT

Sarver Community Choir, under the direction of Clair Halstead, will present a sacred concert Sunday at 8 p. m. in Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church, Sarver.

A free-will offering for the building fund will be taken.

MEETING TONIGHT

Woman's Society of Christian Service of Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church, Sarver, meets this evening in the Sarver home of Mrs. Howard Wilkewitz.

The women will elect officers and continue a study of Japan.

COUNTY NIGHT

Butler County meeting of the grange will be held this evening at 8 in Jefferson Grange hall. Winfield Grange members will conduct the drill. Jefferson Grange is in charge of the program.

Furniture, Decorating Trends Told Clubwomen

New trends in furniture and de-Troutman store of Butler, with
sign were outlined by William Gens-Mrs. Marjorie Milsom as commen-
bigler, interior decorator for Miller tator.
Bros. Furniture Store of Tarentum Mrs. William Smith, chairman of
at a meeting of Saxonburg District the garden committee, described a
Woman's Club last night. "garden therapy" program which
He said the furniture featured at may include landscaping of the
the 1958 furniture show in Chicago convalescent home in Saxonburg.
featured slimmer, rounder pieces Donations to the American Red
with wood and metal trim. Cross, the crippled children's pro-
He also told of unique types of gram and Pittsburgh Education TV
wallpaper that were being widely Station WQED were approved.
used and of large china cabinets Plans also were discussed for the
with illuminated class shelving. club's second nurse training schol-
Interest in new fabrics being arship.
used for carpeting was evidenced Mrs. Gray reported that the
by the questions club members club-sponsored kindergarten, held
asked following the interior dec-in St. Luke Lutheran Church of
orator's talk. Saxonburg, more than paid its own
A barbershop quartet, the Four way during the first four months.
Smoothies, of Penn Twp., were There are 20 children enrolled.
presented by Music Chairman Mrs. Mrs. Harry Frederick read a re-
John R. Gillespie. The quartet quest from the Butler Hospital
Benjamin Day, Donald Bauer, Auxiliary for volunteers to serve
Charles Walton and Mead McCul- on Saturdays and Sundays in the
lough, offered a varied program hospital's Hostess Shop.
of "the nostalgic songs of long Four new members, Mrs. Gayle
ago." Pruitt, Mrs. Merlin Osborn, Mrs.
President Mrs. Carroll Gray, William James and Mrs. Charles
who presided at the business ses- Duffy, were welcomed.
sion, appointed a nominating com- The tables were decorated in a
mittee, comprised of Mrs. Ivor Ru- St. Patrick's Day motif, with a
dert, chairman, Mrs. Roy McCly- high green hat as the centerpiece
monds, Mrs. Hazel Harbison, Mrs. for the speaker's table. The tea
William Beikert and Mrs. Robert table also was decorated in green
Cummings. and white. Mrs. William Paulsen
Mrs. Fred Huelsman and Mrs. was social chairman.
Floyd Shields, co-chairmen of the Next month's meeting, April 7,
ways and means committee, an- will be in charge of the music de-
nounced the club would sponsor a partment, and will be held in St.
style show Thursday, March 13, in Luke Lutheran Church in Saxon-
Saxonburg fire hall. The show will burg. Mrs. Arnold Saunders will be
feature fashions from the A. E. social chairman.

Cloud-Sunshine Boxes Received

Seventeen members of the Gleaners Class of Saxonburg Memorial Church attended a recent meeting in the church.

Mrs. Gerald Coleman, [illegible] dent, named Mrs. Gus K[illegible] ch[illegible]

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[illegible]oers turned in Cloud a [illegible]shine boxes, and received box [illegible]r the coming year.

Mrs. Robert Plumb and Mrs. Richard Johnston were hostesses.

Mrs. Frank Frye and Mrs. George Street will be hostesses for next meeting, March 26.

Authority Job Retained By Neubert

E. O. Neubert, whose one-year term on the Municipal Authority of Saxonburg had expired, was reappointed to a five-year term by Saxonburg Borough Council last night.

The solons also reappointed Howard W. Warnick of Butler borough engineer for two years. Warnick has been in charge of making preliminary surveys for the proposed sewage disposal system and water line modernization for the Saxonburg area.

E. M. Sollie, president of the Authority which will be in charge of the sewer project, said plans for the treatment plant and interceptors for both U. S. Steel Corp's sintering plant in Ivywood and Knoch High School in Jefferson Twp. had been sent to state officials for approval.

Sollie also reported the advance engineering survey for trunk lines to serve homes and commercial establishments was under way.

Council received a resolution from Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Co. supporting the proposed sewage disposal system. The firemen said that ever since the company had been organized it has had sewage disposal trouble. A sewage disposal system, the resolution added, would solve the sewage problem

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Authority

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for both the firemen and the community.

President John J. Duke, who arrived home from a Florida vacation yesterday, presided at last night's Council session. There were only three other Councilmen, Jay Rudert, Harold E. Cullen and William Forsythe, present.

Three solons, Arnold Scroth, Roy Lassinger and Mrs. Katherine Gaylord, were absent.

No action was taken on two petitions because of the absence of Schroth and Lassinger, who together form the streets committee.

One petition, presented by William Lardin representing Thelma drive residents, asked Council to take over that street as part of the borough's streets system.

Lardin said a similar request had been made two years ago and that at that time Council had advised the property owners to put the street in such chape that it could be taken over. He said this has been done.

The second petition was presented by Cullen on behalf of property owners in Aderhold road, Green Acres. He said the petition was accompanied by damage waivers signed by all of the property owners.

Assault Case

Defendant Faces Court

James I. McDonald of Thompson Rd., Fawn Twp., was scheduled to go on trail today in Butler County Criminal Court on charges of rape and aggravated assault and battery.

McDonald, 25-year-old father of three, is charged with beating and assaulting a 35-year-old Clinton Twp. divorcee Jan. 4. He has been free on $5,000 bond since Feb. 6.

McDonald was picked up a few hours after the woman had been assaulted. He was held in Butler County Correctional Institution until bond was posted. At a hearing in Butler on Feb. 5, he entered no pleas.

A Butler County Grand Jury returned two true bills against McDonald on March 3.

The assaulted woman lived alone in a second-floor apartment on Saxonburg boulevard between Culmerville and Ivywood. She suffered a broken left jaw, fractured nose and multiple cuts and bruises of the body.

She told police that a man came to her door about 2:15 a. m., asking for directions. Before she could answer, she said, the man punched her and knocked her down.

She said he then dragged her to an automobile in the driveway and criminally assaulted her.

Court Finds Hit-and-Run Driver Guilty

Charles E. Lape of Ivywood was found guilty yesterday in Butler County Criminal Court of a hit-run charge stemming from an auto accident last Oct. 3.

The other vehicle in the accident was operated by Mrs. Katherine Gaylord, a member of Saxonburg Council. No one was injured.

Lape, about 60, is free on $500 appearance bond and will appear for sentencing when Butler County Sentence Court convenes in about two weeks.

The collision occurred on Saxonburg boulevard just inside the southern side of Saxonburg.

Mrs. Gaylord said Lape's auto sideswiped hers and failed to stop. Lape maintained that he had come back a step after his vehicle had rounded a nearby curve.

He said he inspected her auto for damages, then returned to the scene of the collision. He said he saw no one at that time.

Lape later pleaded guilty to the charge before a Butler alderman, but changed his pleas at a still later date.

Lape is employed as a laborer at Saxony Farm near Saxonburg. Damage to the Gaylord auto was estimated at $300 in the accident. the Lape car at $50.

... HITS SCHOOL

Fire

Man Found Guilty Of Assault

James McDonald, 25, of Fawn Twp., has been found guilty on charges of rape and aggravated assault and battery of a 35-year-old Clinton Twp. divorcee last Jan. 4.

A jury of 10 women and 2 men returned the verdict shortly before 9 p. m. Saturday. The jury had retired for deliberation at 11:21 a. m. Saturday after being charged by Judge Clyde S. Shumaker in Butler County Court.

The trial began last Thursday.

McDonald, father of three, lives on Thompson road and works at the U. S. Steel plant in Ambridge. He is expected to be sentenced when Sentence Court opens in Butler on March 31.

Defense Atty. Armand Cingolanti of Butler said today he intends to file a motion for a new trial within a week. McDonald is now in Butler County Correctional Institution in Butler.

McDonald was picked up in his home, about 10 hours after the attack, which had taken place outside the woman's apartment on Saxonburg boulevard between Culmerville and Ivywood.

The woman said McDonald knocked at the door, asked for directions, then punched her and dragged her down the stairs to his auto outside. She suffered a fractured jaw and nose, two black eyes and multiple cuts and bruises of the body.

She was confined in Allegheny Valley Hospital for 17 days following the attack. The woman lives in the apartment with three of her four children, aged 14, 11 and 7. She formerly lived in Springdale.

Pictures showing the inside of a car door and two exterior views of an auto were projected on a screen by the district attorney.

McDonald was taken into custody about 12 hours after the attack occurred. He later was released on $5,000 bond pending the court trial.

The district attorney said the woman picked McDonald's picture out of a group of five shown to her by police.

Identifies Assailant

He said she later identified McDonald as her assailant at a hearing before a Butler magistrate.

Atty. Cingolanti, in cross examining the woman, asked how she had answered when asked at the hearing if she could identify the assailant.

She said she answered that she was "pretty sure."

The woman then added that she was "sure from the very beginning."

Cingolanti asked if she had other visotors at her apartment. The district attorney objected, but was overruled.

The woman then said she was engaged and that her fiance had been her only visitor.

Butler Jury Gets Assault Case Today

A Butler County Criminal Court jury was expected to get the assault case of James I. McDonald, 25, of Thompson Rd., Fawn Twp., today.

Judge Clyde S. Shumaker began his charge to the jury as court opened today. The jury was expected to begin its deliberations about noon.

McDonald's trial began Thursday. He is charged with rape and aggravated assault of a 35-year-old Clinton Twp. divorcee last Jan. 4.

The prosecution rested its case last night after State Police Cpl. James Norris described his investigation of the attack and the arrest of McDonald about 10 hours later.

Another witness for the prosecution was Francis X. Bauer, M. D., of Tarentum, who treated the victim while she was hospitalized in Allegheny Valley Hospital.

He described her injuries, which included a fractured jaw and nose and two black eyes.

The prosecutor, Butler County Dist. Atty. Donald C. Doerr, had previously placed the time of the attack at about 2:15 a. m. Defense witnesses called last night testified that McDonald was seen as late as 2:30 in a Curtisville tavern, and as late as 3 a. m. with a friend whom he drove home.

McDonald's wife testified he was wearing a blue shirt at the time of arrest. Arresting officers had said previously that McDonald was putting on a red shirt with stains on it (which later were proved to be blood).

In its rebuttal, the prosecution produced a postal card found in McDonald's clothing shortly after confinement in Butler County Jail.

It was addressed to "Mom and Mabel," and advised that "They can't get you for bribery if it's only one person. . .all she'll have to say is that I'm not the right one."

Earlier, McDonald's attorney, Armand Cingolanti of Butler, asserted that the arresting officers had no warrant when they picked up McDonald in his home.

Pastor C...

Assault Case Jury Hears More Data

Testimony continued this morning in Butler County Court in the jury trial of James I. McDonald, 25, of Thompson Rd., Fawn Twp., charged with beating and assaulting a 35-year-old Clinton Twp. divorcee last Jan. 4.

The trial opened yesterday afternoon after selection of a jury of 10 women and 2 men. Butler County Dist. Atty. Donald C. Doerr is the prosecutor. McDonald is being defended by Atty. Armand Cingolanti of Butler.

On the witness stand today for the prosecution were the woman, Saxonburg Police Chief James Grady and Dr. Ralph M. Weaver, pathologist at Butler County Memorial Hospital.

The divorcee, who yesterday described the circumstances of the assault, today told the court that she had been unable to call for help because she was too scared and too busy fighting off her assailant.

Police Chief Grady's testimony concerned his initial visit to the scene of the attack near Ivywood, his visit later in the morning to see the attacked women in Allegheny Valley Hospital, and a tour of West Deer and Fawn Twp. taverns until he found an auto fitting the description the woman had given him.

He told of then going to McDonald's home with State Police Cpl. James Norris, finding a stained jacket and shirt and taking McDonald to state police barracks in Butler for questioning.

Defense attorney Cingolanti maintained that the officers had no search warrant when they visited McDonald, and that the accused man was under no obligation to go with them.

Dr. Weaver's testimony concerned his identification of stains found on the pieces of McDonald's clothing (entered as evidence yesterday) as human blood.

Also scheduled to be called as witnesses by the prosecution this morning were Cpl. Norris and Francis X. Bauer M. D., of Tarentum, who treated the victim while she was hospitalized.

Attack Is Detailed

Doerr yesterday told of the attack on the woman who was in her second floor apartment with her 14-year-old daughter.

He said she answered a knock on the door at 2.15 a. m. and that a young man asked directions. Doerr said the man then grabbed the woman's wrists, pulled her onto a landing at the top of a flight of steps and beat her to quiet her screams for help.

He said the two struggled momentarily before the man dragged the woman into his auto where he criminally attacked her.

The woman repeated the story and said her teeth were broken, her jaw and nose fractured and that she suffered concussion. She said she was hospitalized 17 days.

Doerr introduced as exhibits a gray jacket, a plaid shirt and an Indian blanket. The clothing was identified by the woman as similar to that worn by her attacker. She also said there was an Indian blanket in the rear seat of the auto.

Leslie Duke Barger Fyock

SURVEYORS START STUDY — Donald Leslie, Myron Barger and Jonathan Fyock, surveyors from the Warnick Engineering Co., Butler, yesterday, began work preliminary to installing sanitary sewers in Saxonburg Borough. The surveyors will visit every home along the proposed sewer lines to determine the depth of the deepest cellar. One of the first homes visited was that of Council President John J. Duke, who watched as the engineers set up their equipment on his flower bed. It is hoped to have plans approved in time to get approval of the state board in May.

Bidding Stage Nears

Saxonburg Sewage Plan Partial Survey Okayed

The proposed Saxonburg area sewage disposal system and treatment plant is moving closer to the bidding stage.

J. R. Harvey, of Meadville, district health engineer for the state Dept. of Health, has approved the preliminary engineering survey for a portion of the system.

This includes plans prepared by Warnick Engineering Co. of Butler for the sewage treatment plant, and interceptors to serve both the U. S. Steel Corp.'s new sintering plant in Ivywood and the new 1,200-pupil Knoch High School in Jefferson Twp.

E. M. Some, chairman of the Authority, said he and representatives of the Warnick Co., met yesterday with property owner Delbert Hoover of Elizabeth to discuss purchase of three acres of land for the sewage treatment plant.

The site is located along Thorn Creek on the east side of West Saxonburg road, in Jefferson Twp.

Warnick surveyors now are at work staking out locations for the trunk sewer lines within the limits of Saxonburg Borough. The depth of the sewer will be determined by the depth of the deepest cellar alonag the proposed lines.

The drawings for the Saxonburg Borough phase of the project will be sent to Harvey by April 14 for approval. The plans for the entire project then will be forwarded to Harrisburg in time for the state Sanitary Water Board meeting May 15, 16 and 17.

At the same time, the Municipal Authority of Saxonburg Borough will advertise for construction bids with a reserve clause that Sanitary Water Board approval is required before actual construction begins.

U.S. Okays Saxonburg Sewage Aid

Saxonburg Borough has received official approval from Washington on its application for federal funds to finance the major portion of its proposed $593,000 sewage disposal system and water line modernization project.

The approval was contained in a telegram received yesterday afternoon by Council President John J. Duke from Congressman Frank M. Clark of Bessemer.

Rep. Clark said the federal Housing and Home Finance Agency had approved a loan of $358,000 to the Municipal Authority of Saxonburg or the project.

The Authority will issue bonds, at 4½ per cent interest, to cover the loan. The bonds will be redeemed with sewer and water rental fees over a 38 year period.

Money to finance the balance of the cost of the two projects will come from several sources.

U. S. Steel Corp., which is building a new sintering plant in Ivywood, near Saxonburg, will contribute $180,000. The plant will be hooked up to the sewage system, and about $33,000 of the money will be spent to build, an interceptor from the sintering plant to the sewage treatment plant on Thorn Creek.

South Butler Joint School District has earmarked $50,000 for the project. The district's new 1,200-pupil Knoch High School in Dinner Bell road, Jefferson Twp., will use the new sewage facilities.

Du-Co Ceramics of Saxonburg also is contributing $5,000 and an additional $5,000 will be received from the state to help pay engineering costs.

Property owners also will have to pay a hook-up fee and a foot-frontage assessment.

Saxonburg does not have a sewage system now. Property owners rely on septic tanks.

Moderization of the existing water facilities will include drilling of two new wells, installation of water softening equipment and additional hydrants for fire protection.

Part of the engineering survey for the sewer project has been approved by district officials of the state Health Dept. Survey work in Saxonburg itself is now under way and will be completed soon.

The Authority hopes to be able to advertise for construction bids late next month or early in May

Court Airs Majorette's Damage Plea

A hearing to determine whether Saxonburg Borough will be a defendant in a damage suit stemming from an accident July 23, 1953, was held in Butler County Court yesterday.

Judge Clyde S. Shumaker directed counsel for both sides to file briefs.

The 1953 accident involved Miss Ruth Zack, drum majorette for the Turtle Creek Drum and Bugle Corps., who was injured when the corps made an appearance in Saxonburg.

According to reports, Miss Zack tripped on a metal water turnoff unit in front of property owned by Mrs. Eva Knoch and occupied by Justice of the Peace Harry Nixon. She received a fractured arm which required considerable surgery.

The legal proceedings now are back in the Butler County Court after being appealed to the State Supreme Court.

Suit first was filed by Mr. and Mrs. Wade Zack of Turtle Creek, parents of the injured girl, against Saxonburg Borough, the property owner and the tenant

On Feb 6, 1956, Judge Shumaker dismissed the suit against the Borough on grounds that it had not received the required legal notice of the proceedings.

The dismissal order was appealed to the State Supreme Court which ruled that the plaintiffs were entitled to a hearing in Butler County Court.

At a hearing last Feb. 11, the Zacks testified that they had contacted Saxonburg Volunteer Firemen concerning the accident in the belief that the firemen were an official part of the Borough government.

$17,000 Is Cut

South Butler Schools Trim Record Budget

South Butler Joint School District last night trimmed its proposed record high budget from $767,525 to $750,525.

There also was considerable discussion on whether purchase of senior band uniforms could be classed as "unnecessary frills."

The slashes in the proposed budget for the 1958-59 fiscal year starting July 1 included:

$7,000 from estimated cost of transporting pupils (bids were lower than expected); $1,000 from the allocation for textbooks; $8,000 from supplies for instruction; and $1,000 from estimated travel expenses.

The proposed budget for the five-district jointure soared to record heights as board members sought ways to pay costs of constructing the 1,200-pupil Knoch High School in Jefferson Twp. and equipping it with furniture, laboratory gear and books for the fall school term.

The band uniform discussion was touched off when George Weaver, chairman of the joint board's student activities committee asked for $3,500 of a proposed $8,000 allocation for athletics and the band to purchase 50 uniforms.

Both Penn and Jefferson township directors fought the outlay, and succeeded in having the matter tabled for further consideration. Final approval of the proposed budget also was delayed.

William J. Succop, of Penn Twp. said the band uniforms were "unnecessary frills."

He said his township, in order to meet its share of the proposed budget, is faced with the prospect of raising its present tax levy of 32 mills an additional 22 mills.

James Galbreath of Jefferson

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Penn-Dixie Recalls 250

Penn-Dixie Cement Co. in West Winfield will call almost its entire labor force back to work next week after a seven-week layoff.

More than 250 men will be affected. Company officials are notifying every worker and specifying the day and hour they are to return to work.

More than 110 men will resume work Monday at the limestone mine operated by the company. The remaining 140 will return Monday and Tuesday to the cement plant. Full operation is expected by Wednesday.

Those returning on Monday in the mine will begin work on the day shift starting at 7 a. m. Limestone extracted from the mine is used by the company in manufacturing cement; none is sold as raw limestone.

With the exception of 1954, in which a three - week winter layoff was necessary, there had been been no curtailing of work at the mine from 1949 until this year.

On Feb. 5, all but about 20 men were laid off. Those who remained worked in the shipping department and dispatched cement which had already been stored.

Personnel manager R. T. Fleming said about 10 men will not be called back to work for a few weeks.

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Twp. said his district would have to hike its present tax levy of 25 mills another 15 mills to meet operating costs.

The other three districts in the jointure, Winfield and Clinton townships and Saxonburg Borough, also will be called on to provide proportionately higher amounts to finance the jointure.

In addition, Galbreath said, Jefferson Twp. is faced with the prospect of adding five rooms to its elementary building to provide classroom space for expected enrollment in the next two years. He estimated such an addition would cost $250,000.

Homer W. Woods, clerk of work for the new Knock High School, reported $3,400 had been paid out for a standby electrician required by the union in order to operate the school's furnaces on a 24-hour basis during the February freeze. He estimated an additional $2,000 would be needed for a standby electrician before the heat is turned off for the summer.

Woods said that the joint board's solicitor, Marshall and Marshall, had advised him that the heating contractor was responsible for providing heat and any necessary expenses, including the wages of the standby electrician. The heating contractor doesn't agree.

The Board approved a list, prepared by Calvin Scott, chairman of the property and grounds committee, for $142,247 worth of equipment for the new high school building.

The list included such things as shop equipment; furniture for the science suite of five rooms; furniture for the commercial, home making, arts and crafts room, library and class rooms; state equipment; auditorium seats and typewriters.

He also said that another $26,750 worth of furnishings now are under bid. These include furniture for the health suite, cafeteria tables and chairs, chairs for the music room and teachers desks.

Scott said that $24,200 in items still to be advertised include such things as pianos, electric typewriters, business machines, two motion picture projectors and screens, science laboratory equipment, cooking utensils, and dishes and trays for the cafeteria.

On recommendation of Benjamin Day, chairman of the personnel committee, the board hired three teachers. They were Miss Ruth Hennery of Sarver and Mrs. Elsie McKee of Rt. 6, Butler, both for the elementary grades; and Clarence Anderson, Rt. 4, Tarentum, as industrial arts teacher.

The school directors also named H. Ray Hepner, sixth grade teacher in Clinton School, to be head teacher at that school for the next term; and changed the teaching assignment of James Foust of Jefferson Center from industrial arts to general science.

H. H. Collins, of the Winfield Twp. board, reported that bids will be opened April 3 for installation of a cafeteria in Winfield Elementary School.

The policy committee was instructed to draw up a tuition system that will be uniform throughout the five-district jointure.

Tragedy Follows Graffs

By KAY WALKUP
Of The News Staff

Nine blasts from a double-barreled shotgun and a slug from a .22 rifle snuffed out the lives of four Saxonburg area farm workers yesterday and placed an additional heavy burden on the shoulders of members of a family which already has had more than its share of bad luck and tragedy.

Mrs. Mildred Graff, mother of Dale Graff, one of yesterday's shooting victims, is a widow, doing her best to keep the dairy farm with its 38 head of cattle, in operation.

Her husband, Edward, died unexpectedly about a year ago of a heart attack.

They had lived on the Jefferson Twp farm for nearly 50 years. Their home burned soon after they had acquired the farm.

About 12 years ago, fire leveled the barn on the property. Just three years ago, the barn again was destroyed by fire after it was struck by lightning.

It was not quite a year ago when Mrs. Graff's son-in-law, William Kelley, father of seven children, was burned to death when he was trapped in the wreckage of a truck he was driving.

Yesterday's shootings all but overwhelmed Mrs. Mildred Graff, who arrived home from a happy birthday celebration for a nephew to find her son and daughter-in-law and two farm workers dead.

She was given sedation by Dr. Van B. Weber of Saxonburg.

Yet in the midst of her deep sorrow, she worried about how the cows in the barn would get milked. At one time she was

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on the verge of going to the barn herself to see if anything could be done.

She appeared grateful when told that Carl Bachman, a Saxonburg area farmer, had come in to do the milking.

Bachman had barely finished the chore, using electric milkers, when all the electric power in the barn was cut off.

The cutoff resulted when the service line to the barn was snagged and broken by a high winch on Du-Co Ceramics tow truck.

The truck had followed Saxonburg firemen's ambulance into the farm for use in event the ambulance became stuck in the snow.

When firemen arrived with the ambulance, they found that Donald McCamey, who was still alive when the shooting tragedy was discovered, had been taken out to the paved road in a Jeep. Riding in the Jeep along with the driver were Dr. Weber and a nurse, Mrs. John Murdoch of Saxonburg.

The ambulance followed, picked up the patient at the end of Yaney's lane and took him to the Butler County Memorial Hospital. Assistant Fire Chief Reldon Cooper was driving the ambulance. Dr. Weber also made the trip to the hospital, and then returned to the farm to file a report of McCamey's death with State Police Capt. E. L. Fontaine.

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For several years, two of McCamey's brothers, also wards of the Butler County Court, lived at the Graff farm, but they left recently.

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The Graff family on whose farm the tragedy occurred pronounce their family name as though it were spelled "Groff." Other Graff families in the Saxonburg area prefer the pronunciation, "Graff."

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The shotgun which police said probably was the one used to kill Dale and Marjorie Graff and George Reed was found in the Dale Graff home, standing against a wall.

The 12-gauge gun, equipped with old style hammers, had two loaded shells in it when it was discovered. One of the hammers was cocked.

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A baby slept peacefully in its mother's arms in a corner of the kitchen of the big farm home while police officers questioned members of the Graff family concerning details of the tragedy.

Mine Death Investigator Hints Blame

The chief of a state mining agency has said that safety equipment was available which might have prevented the March 12 tragedy in the West Winfield mushroom mine in which one man died and 22 were overcome by carbon monoxide.

Joseph Alsippi, chief of the Division of Mines, Quarries and Explosives of the Dept. of Labor and Industry, said company people did not know about Mine Safety Appliances present in the mine.

He added that they had not been trained in how to use it.

Says Warning Given

Alsippi, after inspecting the mine, said effects of the fumes were "practically the same as running a car engine in a garage with the doors closed. You could hit a man with a sledge hammer and do less damage.

Alsippi said he warned mine officials against use of gas-operated engines. He said he saw eight pieces of gas-operated equipment in the mine the day before the disaster.

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He said the mine was "operating in disregard to orders issued by this office."

Currently, state and federal mining officials are at work on a report concerning recent inspections of the mine, operated by West Winfield Mushroom Farm Inc.

Roy Fish, 51, of Cabot, was killed when asphyxiated by fumes from the engine of a water pump in the tragedy.

Fumes Patient Is Transferred

Robert L. Fern, 33, of Saxonburg, was transferred from Allegheny Valley Hospital to St. Francis Hospital, Pittsburgh, yesterday, for specialized treatment.

Fern was one of the victims of the West Winfield mushroom mine tragedy on March 12.

Fern, re-entered the hospital last Friday and had been in only fair condition. He seemed to be improving the past several days, members of his family said.

In Saxonburg

Two Districts Fall Victims Recuperating

Miss Freida Seibert, Saxonburg, fell this week and fractured her wrist and arm. She is recuperating at home.

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Another fall victim, William Mays fell down a flight of steps in his Main St., Saxonburg, restaurant, and fractured his shoulder.

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Mrs. Elsie Harvey, Saxonburg, is a patient in Allegheny Valley Hospital recuperating from a slight stroke.

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Forrest Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver, Saxonburg Blvd., has recovered from the virus. He recovered in time to show his parents' slides of Japan in Freeport Methodist Church, Sunday. After church, the Weavers entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Van Dyke, Sarver, at dinner.

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Mrs. Howard Alderson, Butler Rd., is reeuperating at home after surgery in Allegheny Valley Hospital.

Area Artists Display Work At Butler

Oil paintings by two Saxonburg area women are being displayed for two weeks in the Mellon National Bank and the Working Man's Savings and Loan Co., Butler.

Mrs. W. W. Salsgiver, RD 1, Saxonburg, will hang "Green, Gold and Grey Landscape," a farm house and barn against a typica Pennsylvania fall background.

Mrs. William Paulsen, RD Cabot, will show "Cape Hatteras a coastal scene with familiar fis ing boats and blue waters of th area.

Both artists are associated wi the Arts and Crafts Dept. of Saxonburg District Woman's Cl Mrs. Salsgiver instructs the we ly classes and Mrs. Paulsen chairman of the department.

The display is sponsored by Artists Assn. of Butler, of whi both women are members. M Salsgiver, a well known Tarent artist, also belongs to the Allegheny Valley Artists Assn., has displaved paintings in the Pittsburgh area.

More Foreign Language Courses On Knoch High School Curriculum

When Knoch High School opens next fall, students will not only have fine school facilities, but a broader course of study, according to plans announced at a recent meeting of South Butler County Joint School Board.

Members of the Board's policy committee, together with Supervising Principal L. B. Derickson, announced the program would be expanded to include additional foreign language courses and more mathematics and science.

Added to 10th grade courses will be French and German, Elementary Algebra, and applied mathematics. Bookkeeping will be added to the 11th and 12th grade commercial courses. Advanced Algebra, Latin and Spanish III, German II and advanced Bookkeeping and Business English will be available to Seniors.

The curriculum for those in pursuit of a secondary diploma for College Entrance will exceed State requirements with these additions. Those desiring a commercial course will be graduated with all the necessary qualifications for future employment.

John Thompson, speaking for William Succop, chairman of policy committee, called board members attentions to scholastic aims for the new high school.

He stated that final adoption of the courses would depend on the interest shown by students. This will also determine if other courses will be necessary.

Spring Cantata in Saxonburg

Ignoring the wintry scene, Saxonburg District Music Club will present "Spring Cometh," by Kountz at its monthly program Sunday at 2:30 p. m. in St. Luke Lutheran Church, Saxonburg.

Directed by L. M. McMurray, the cantata will feature solos by Mrs. Carroll Gray, Mrs. L. M. McMurray and Carl and Clair Halstead, and a chorus of 15 club members.

The program was postponed a week, because of illness. Club President Mrs. Frank Loughran invites members and their guests to forget their wintry woes and enjoy the music which heralds the approach of brighter days.

Girls Team Wins First Court Tilt

A recently organized girls basketball team from South Butler County Joint High School won its first game defeating Evans City 42-9.

The junior varsity also beat the Evans City Jayvees, 37-25.

High scorer for the varsity was Kendra Funkhouser with 15 points. Emily Townsend had 13.

High scorer for the juniors was Laurabelle Funkhouser, with 25.

Forwards for the local team were Nancy Brown, Kendra Funkhouser, Emily Townsend, Shirley Bowser, Donna Crummy and Vicki Sasse. Pat Lockard, Janet Townsend, Nancy Graves and Carol Graff were guards.

Members of the junior varsity team are Charlotte Mock, Carol Reamer, Laurabelle Funkhouser, Donna Poston and Patty Grossman, forwards and Carol Andrews, Sheila Frederick and Janet Burtner, guards.

Other games scheduled are with Richland Twp., tomorrow at 7 p. m. in Richland gym; Freeport, Feb. 17, 7 p. m. in Winfield gym; Feb. 26, Winfield at Richland Youth Center and March 6 at 7:30 in the Richland gym.

A proposed game with Evans City has not been definitely scheduled.

Saxonburg Closes School For Two Days

Saxonburg Schools are closed today and tomorrow because of transportation difficulties, effected by the extreme eold weather.

School, originally set to be elosed for Thursday and Friday, will be open aeeording to pres-

Shrove Tuesday Donut Dunkin' This Evening

Shrove Tuesday will be observed in Saxonburg tonight — despite the extreme eold — with traditional doughnut dunkin' eeremonies.

Everyone is invited to the event, scheduled to begin at 7:30 in Saxonburg Memorial Church.

Fifth Graders Present Play For Mothers

The play, "The King's Stilts" was dramatized by fifth grade pupils at Saxonburg School this week for mothers and pupils of first and second grades.

Under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Joan Graham, John Woods, portrayed the king; Barbara Reith, a page; Dennis Cypher, Lord Droon, and Buddy Walkup and Gloria DeSellem, guards.

The story was read by Linda Cooper, Noreen Woods, Kieth Porter, Carol Jean Graff, Richard Johnston, Edwin Krumpe and Karen Frey.

Hand constructed murals and posters denoted the change of scene. There was an interior scene, a castle, a jail and a landscape, all created by the pupils and their teacher.

In observance of Lincoln's birthday, Noreen Woods accompanied group singing of "America," and Robert Drescher read a poem about Lincoln.

Jerry Watterson was officia greeter for the class.

W-C Girls Lose Close Ball Game.

Winfield - Clinton High Scho girl's varsity team lost a elos basketball game last week to th girl's team from Richland Tw High, 33 to 29.

Kendra Funkhouse was hig scorer with 14 points. Emily Town send scored 7 and Nancy Brow 8. Guards for Winfield-Clinto were Janet Townsend, Patty Loc hart, Carol Graff, Vickie Sasse an Shirley Bowser.

Richland Twp. Junior Varsi swamped the Winfield-Clinton Ja vees, 49 to 5. The girls' next gan against Freeport, is scheduled Feb. 17 in the Winfield gym.

PANCAKE SUPPER CHURCH BENEFIT

How much is it worth to eat all the pancakes and sausage you want?

The Men's Club of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Hannahstown, is leaving that up to patrons of their Feb. 25 supper for which there will be no set charge.

Serving in the church hall begins at 5 p. m. and continues throughout the evening. Proceeds will be used to further the construction program of the church.

Westminister Aid Has Meet

The Ladies Aid Society of Westminster Presbyterian Church held a business session recently.

Plans were made for a soup sale March 6 in Saxonburg American Legion Home.

Luncheon will be served from 11:30 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. Orders for soup and pies may be placed with Mrs. George Weaver, Fl 2-1177, secretary of the women's group.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY MEETS ON MONDAY

Winfield branch of Allegheny Valley Hospital Auxiliary will elect officers Monday evening in Winfield-Clinton School.

Miss Esther Roenigk, president, urges all members to attend as there will be much business to be transacted, especially since the January meeting was cancelled.

Going Back Today

Councilman Flies Home From Florida for Meet

John J. Duke interrupted a Florida vacation and flew home by airliner and chartered plane to attend a special session of Saxonburg Borough Council last night.

Duke, who is president of Council, plans to return to Ft. Myers, Fla., today.

The more than 100 Saxonburg citizens who turned out for the meeting were dumbfounded when Duke walked through the door.

He had chartered a plane from Ft. Myers to Tampa, Fla., and flew from there to Washington via Eastern Airlines. He then chartered a second plane which brought him to Butler airport.

Duke's surprise arrival provided the necessary quorum for the special session. Jay Rudert, Will Forsythe and Harold C. Culler were at the meeting. All are backing the proposed sewage disposal project for the Saxonburg area.

Two other councilmen, Al Schroth and Leroy Lassinger, who are opposing the project, did not attend. Mrs. Katherine Gay, also a dissenting member of Council, is hospitalized due to back injuries received in a fall.

Auxiliary Names Prexy Fifth Time

Miss Esther H. Roenigk was selected recently to her fifth term as president of Winfield Twp. branch of Allegheny Valley Hospital Auxiliary.

Those serving with her include Mrs. Charles Ruffner, vice president; Mrs. Ellen Clark, secretary; Mrs. Harvey Miller, treasurer; Miss Betty Girrard and Mr. Edward Johnston, ways and means; Miss Beulah Michael, sewing, and Miss Frances Clark, publicity.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Charles Welsh of Tarentum, liaison officer of the hospital auxiliaries, the group made 3 by 4-inch bandages and ABDs. The women also welcomed a new member, Mrs. Albert Traenkner.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Ellen Clark. Next meeting will be March 24. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Father-Son Dinner Plan Advanced

Mrs. Victor Franke was named chairman of the annual Father-Son banquet for South Butler County Little League members at a recent meeting of Little League Auxiliary in Saxonburg V. F. Home.

Mrs. George Weaver, auxiliary president, named Mrs. James Sefton, co-chairman. Other committee members include Mrs. George Sefton, Mrs. Janet Jenkins, Mrs. Carl Hinterliter and Mrs. Pearl Riemer.

Date for the banquet will be set by the men at a meeting in the near future.

Next auxiliary meeting is April 8.

The brief business meeting was followed by a card party which netted the women $45 towards Little League expenses.

Girl Cagers Bow to Mars

Desoite the efforts of Kendra Funkhouser, who scored 30 points, the girls' varsity team of South Butler County Joint Schools was defeated 49 to 44 by Mars recently.

Nancy Brown scored nine points and Emily Townsend, five.

Guards for South Butler were Pat Lockhard, Janet Townsend, Charlotte Moch, Shirley Bowser and Carol Graff. Carol Graff was another forward.

The junior varsity also went down, 49 to 17, against the Mars junior varsity. Laura Funkhouser scored nine points for the losing team. Charlotte Moch had five and Rena Traggaia, three.

Donna Poston, Carol Reamer and Rita Traggaia were the other forwards. Guards included Rita and Rena Traggaia, Sheila Fredrick, Judy Hartzell and Pat Grossman.

The next game will be played Wednesday at Penn Twp. High School, with Freeport as the opponent.

SAXONBURG PTA

Monday evening Saxonburg PTA will mark Founders Day with a candlelight service and a brief history of PTA activities.

Mrs. John Woods will conduct the business meeting. Mrs. Reldon Cooper is program chairman.

MRS. LASSINGER IMPROVING

Friends of Mrs. Albert Lassinger, Saxonburg, will be glad to know that she is improving this past week. She has been a patient in Allegheny Valley Hospital several weeks.

Woman's Club February Meet Now Canceled

Since Monday evening's meeting of the Saxonburg District Woman's Club conflicts with several other important community activities officers have canceled the event.

Next club session will be March 3.

Miss Helen Huba, of Butler, will bring spring's latest homemaking suggests in her address.

Cold Wave Victims Rescued

By KAY WALKUP

As the warming rays of the sun melt the drifted snow, and make the recent sub-zero temperature past history, Saxonburg residents are taking a long and grateful look at the men who volunteered their time and services to combat the effects of snow and cold.

One of the most welcome sights in the community was Reldon Cooper, whose jeep, equipped with a snow plow, cleared drifted driveways and roads. Cooper plowed out drifted streets, and removed the snow from driveways in his every spare moment. With a chain, which he always kept nearby, he would pull out hapless motorists stranded in a snow bank. When Cooper got stuck, he pulled out the jeep with the help of a winch truck he had designed for use at the Du-Co Ceramics plant, of which he is co-owner.

Early in the morning and late at night, he willingly answered calls for help, either as a good Samaritan, or in his capacity as assistant fire chief.

When Paul Madey of Clinton Twp. needed an ambulance, Cooper and Fire Chief Aaron Bachman and others of the fire company said, "Sure we'll try."

Picking up Dr. R. H. Bryan, who is no stranger to snow drifts, the ambulance, followed by the winch truck, braved the mountainous drifts of Madey lane in Clinton Twp. and picked up the patient. The ambulance got stuck, but was winched out of a drift. Then the winch truck became snowbound and had to be pulled out. With the patient aboard, the ambulance was pulled out of the lane. Despite a dangerous skid on icy hills, the patient arrived safely at the hospital. And these men are all volunteers.

They volunteered their services again when fire broke out at the sintering plant. It is no easy job fighting fires in sub - zero temperatures, but men of the Saxonburg Fire Co., and firemen from other areas worked tirelessly to prevent the total destruction of a warehouse. There were other instances too, where alert action prevented extensive damage; but it was all in a day's work.

There are many others who volunteered. There are the school busdrivers who struggled through almost impassable roads to transport children to their homes before the schools closed, because transportation was too difficult. Also the gas men and telephone men, who worked around the clock to keep homes heated and communications operating.

Any community is lucky to have such men as these looking out for its welfare. Their unending efforts in behalf of their fellow man, help make the Saxonburg community a good place to call home.

Albania, a republic on the west side of the Balkan peninsula :-

Heart Attack Cuts Short Pastor's Building Plans

A heart attack yesterday cut short a Sarver minister's plans to build his second church.

The Rev. S. Clay Shaffer, pastor of Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church in Sarver for the past two years, died of a heart attack while working in the basement of the church parsonage.

Mrs. Shaffer found her husband lying at the foot of the cellar steps at 5 p. m. She telephoned for the Saxonburg firemen's ambulance in the belief that he had fallen down the steps and was hurt.

The Rev. Mr. Shaffer was in the midst of a fund raising campaign for a new church. At a report meeting held several weeks ago, a total of $11,000 in pledges had been reported.

Last Friday, the church board directed the architect to draw up the final plans and to advertise for construction bids in the spring.

Before accepting the pastorate of the Sarver church, the Rev. Mr. Shaffer was in Brookville where he provided the leadership for another church building campaign. The new Brookville church was dedicated last summer.

Rev. Shaffer was born in Bedford County to Samuel and Emma Mullen Shaffer.

He was a member of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Eva Tipton Shaffer; a daughter, Mrs. W. A. (Clairalene) Meyer of Beaver Falls; two sons, The Rev. Paul C. Shaffer of Osceola Mills, Pa., and Willis T. Shaffer of Oakland, Md.

A sister, Mrs. Daisy Arnold, and a brother, Scott, both of Hyndman, Pa., and four grandchildren.

Friends will be received to-

Ex-Cabot Woman Dies In Rochester

Funeral service for the Mrs. Harvey Freehling was held Friday afternoon in Rochester, Pa.

Mr. Freehling, a former resident of the Cabot district, was living in that city.

Those attending the service from this district included Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hankinson, Miss Esther H. Roenigk, Mrs. Ellen Clark, Miss Frances Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Plaggmeir, Wilmer Freehling and Mrs. Paul Roenigk.

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Walter Cooper is recuperating at home following surgery in Bashline Hospital, Grove City. His daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kenneth Cooper, brought him home Friday.

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Kenneth Cooper Jr., serving in the Navy, reported this week to Mobile, Ala., where he will board ship for the Mediterranean area. He was formerly stationed in Norfolk, Va.

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Saxonburg Represented At WQED

Mrs. John Woods and Mrs. Reldon Cooper, Saxonburg, attended a WQED fund drive dinner recently in Butler.

Gerald Muder, Saxonburg, suffered an acute attack of appendicitis last weekend, but is now much improved. During his illness, Mrs. William Galey substituted for Mrs. Muder, Saxonburg kindergarten teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Paul, Saxonburg, spent a midwinter vacation with Mrs. Paul's parents in Long Island, N. Y.

Cullen To Stay on Council

Saxonburg Ouster Plea Is Tossed Out by Court

Butler County Judge Clyde S. Shumaker has ruled that no vacancy exists on Saxonburg Borough Council.

The ruling was made by the judge in turning down a petition by five Saxonburg citizens asking the court to appoint a councilman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation Jan. 2 of Kenneth Walborn.

Harold C. Cullen was named by Council to fill the vacancy with Burgess Stephen Miller casting the deciding vote to break a 3-3 tie.

The judge said he was refusing the petition "without prejudice" to any subsequent proceedings that may be entered in court to challenge Cullen's right to hold the office.

The petition was filed by Atty. Armand R. Cingolanti on behalf of five Saxonburg electors, Alice R. Thomas, Floyd W. Steubgen, Joseph Vettori, Kenneth Schmidt and Marion Foster Smith.

The petition averred that Walborn had resigned Jan. 2 and that an attempt was made at a special meeting Jan. 20 by Council to fill the vacancy by improper means.

The petition said the "improper means" was the interruption of Mrs. Katherine Gaylord, a member of Council, while she had the floor, to proceed with the election of Cullen.

"Mrs. Gaylord had previously requested the floor," the petition said, "was granted the floor and was rightfully holding the floor when certain members of Council disregarded her right to the floor, called her out of order, cited no reasons, and proceeded to elect Cullen to Council, all before Mrs. Gaylord had yielded the floor."

This was the meeting at which Mrs. Gaylord had read passages from the Bible for an hour and a half in a filibuster attempt to block Council action on filling the vacancy.

The petition further said that because a new councilman was not legally elected, and the vacancy has existed for more than 30 days, the court should appoint a councilman.

The court, in a six-page answer rejecting the petition, said it was the Court's view that no vacancy exists, and that should the Court make such an appointment, there would be two individuals holding the office, one by appointment by Council, the other by appointment of Court.

The Court ruled further that the basic question is whether Cullen was regularly and properly elected, and that his right to hold office may be challenged in quo warrant (by what authority) proceedings in court.

Atty. Cingolanti said he plans to either file another petition or appeal the court order declaring no vacancy exists.

The efforts to unseat Cullen are coming from a group of Saxonburg residents who are opposed to the proposed new sewage disposal system for the Saxonburg area. The vote of Cullen, who favors the project, gives the pros a 4-3 majority on Council.

Saxonburg Sewer OK Due Soon

Saxonburg Borough Council, meeting in special session last night, received good news regarding its application for federal financing of bonds for the proposed Saxonburg area sewage disposal system.

The good news was contained in a telegram received from Congressmen Frank M. Clark which said:

"Pleased to advise that Saxonburg sewage project has been approved by Regional office of Housing and Home Financing Agency in Philadelphia.

"Application is now in Washington being processed. Assured that it will be given prompt attention and have every reason to believe that favorable action will be taken."

The telegram heartened those pushing the sewage project to meet an early fall deadline when sewer facilities must be ready for both the U. S. Steel Corp.'s new sintering plant at Fyywood and South Butler County's new Knoch High School in Jefferson Twp.

The time element had prompted the solons to give preliminary consideration to private financing of the project because the application for federal funds was taking too long to process.

Now members of Council indicated they will wait a little while longer pending possible quick approval of its application in Washington.

It is estimated that at least 30 days will be needed to complete the advance engineering data and that another 30 days would be required before construction bids could be opened.

Council, on recommendation of Solicitor John L. Wilson, approved legal papers turning over Saxonburg's present water plant and system to the Municipal Authority of Saxonburg.

The solons also directed the Authority to borrow the additional $10,000 needed to complete the advance engineering survey for the sewage disposal system.

Offers to finance the $10,000 loan were received from Mellon National Bank of Butler, which requested half of the profits from the water plant operation, as collateral; and from Old Freeport Bank of Freeport, which asked that the net proceeds from the water plant operation be used to pay back the loan. Action on the loan was tabled pending further study.

The Municipal Authority, under the chairmanship of E. M. Sollie, followed up Council action, by officially accepting the transfer of the water plant.

Other Authority members attending included Secretary E. O. Neubert, C. H. Paul Jr., Charles Graham and William Shadd.

The Authority named Singer, Deane and Scribner of Pittsburgh as its fiscal agent, and appointed Burgwin, Russner, Perry and Cohl, also of Pittsburgh, as investment counsel.

Harold Krumpe, one of the spectators, asked why a fiscal agent was needed if the Burough planned to finance the sewer project through a federal agency. It was explained that appointment of a fiscal agent is required by the Agency.

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